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NEW SOUTH WALES

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GENERAL - New South Wales

Statistics for the first six months of 1962 show a continuing recovery of economic activity. The demand for labour is rising, but the number of unplaced persons registered for employment high compared with earlier periods (at end of June 1962, registered applicants numbered 35,000, or 2.1% of the work force of this State, as estimated by Commonwealth Employment Service; this total included 17,000 on unemployment benefit). Factory production is generally higher than last year (for some items also higher than in 1960), the building industry is active, motor registrations have risen strongly and the oversea trade balance has been very favourable in 1961-62. Retail turnover remain steady with no marked advance on last year. The wool price was firm in the closing month of the 1961-62 selling season when it averaged 54.6d. per 1b. greasy; this price was 5 percent. higher than in 1960-61, but well below the levels of some earlier years. Seasonal conditions in June were favourable for the rural industries.

PART I : EMPLOYMENT AND NON-RURAL INDUSTRIES

EMPLOYMENT (See also graph p. 80)

Statistics shown on the next page show little change in the employment position during June.

Civilian employment (excludes defence forces, rural workers and women domestics) in New South Wales which had fallen by 1200 in April 1962 increased in May by 4100 to 1,206,300; it was then 24,000 or 2 percent. higher than in May 1961, as compared with a fall of 1700 between May 1960 and 1961 and an increase of 45,000 or 4 percent. between May 1959 and 1960.

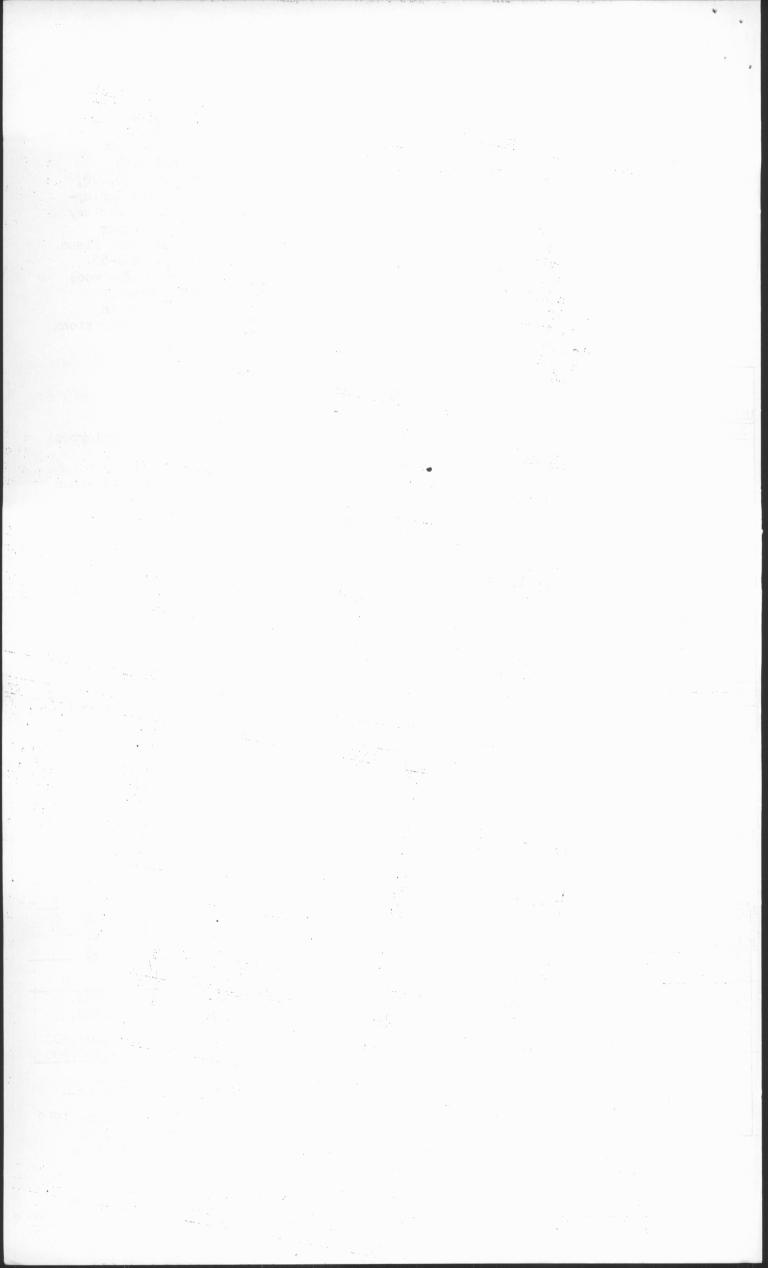
The increase during the month of May 1962 was mainly in private employment in factories, building and retail trade, Factory employment at 452,500 was the highest since March of last year, and employment in building, transport, trade and mining also remains below the peak level of 1960/61. A fall of 900 in 'other' employment during May appears to be a seasonal movement in hotel staffs.

	WAGE		and the same of th	IN CIVIL EM	PLOYMENT	
		NEW	SOUTH	WALES		AUSTRALIA
	Government	Private	Total:Males	Total: Females	Total:Persons	Total:Persons
1960 - April May	272,800	907,600	842,300 844,400	338,100 339,600	1,180,400 1,184,000	3,032,000 3,041,900
1961 - April May August	279,600 281,600 285,400	907,300 900,700 885,300	848,000 844,500 836,000	338,900 337,800 334,700	1,186,900 1,182,300 1,170,700	3,050,800 3,038,500 3,007,400
1962 - March April May	291,800 293,400 292,900	911,600 908,800 913,400	856,600 855,100 858,000	346,800 347,100 348,300	1,203,400 1,202,200 1,206,300	3,080,600 3,069,200 3,084,800
	Perc	ent. I	ncreas	e (Fall -)	Year en	ded May
1959 - 1960 1960 - 1961 1961 - 1962	0.9 3.2 4,0	4.9	3.2	5.9 - 0.5 3.1	4.0 -0.1 2.0	3.4 - 0.1 1.5
NEW SOUTH WAL Persons		Building & Constr.		Finance Retail N/sale T. Trade	the course of the country of the state of the country of the count	i
1960 - May 1961 - May	459,900 441,400	75,300 75,600	132,500	124,100 102,500 129,000 101,500	85,100 204,6	300 1,184,000 300 1,182,300
1962 - April M a y	449,800	76,800 78,400				500 1,202,200 700 1,206,300

An employment survey of larger privately-owned factories in New South Wales by the Department of Labour and National Service and the Commonwealth Statistician, showed relatively small increases of 600 in May and 200 in June 1962 to a total of 234,500; this is the highest since March 1961 but still 10,500 or 4 percent. below the 1960 peak. The increase in June 1962 was confined to the electrical industries, mainly for male labour; employment in the other main groups remained steady.

 June 1960
 Nov. 1960
 June 1961
 Aug. 1961
 Mar. 1962
 April 1962
 May 1962
 June 1962

 241,900
 245,000
 223,800
 221,100
 233,800
 233,800
 233,700
 234,300
 234,500



The number of <u>Unplaced Applicants</u> registered with <u>Commonwealth</u> <u>Employment Service offices in New South Wales</u> which was reduced from 47,100 in January 1962 to 34,100 in May, rose by 800 to 34,900 in June. This seems to have been due to seasonal lay-offs in rural and food processing industries which were not fully balanced by increases in other branches of manufacturing. The total at the end of June included 4800 male juniors (unchanged from May) making up 22 percent. of the male total; and 5700 female juniors representing 46 percent. of female total. Compared with June 1961 total male applicants have declined by 8000, mainly adults in the metropolitan area, but they remain 12,900 higher than in June 1960. The female total for June of 12,900 in 1962 was about the same as in 1961 but nearly twice as high as in 1960.

The number of persons on <u>Unemployment Benefit</u> has fluctuated around 17,000 in recent weeks, that is about 3000 less than at the beginning of the year. The June total included 8000 in the Sydney area, 1500 in Newcastle and 1000 in Wollongong.

COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYMENT S	ERVICE	- Regi	stratio	ns in	N.S.W.	(Incl.	A.C.T.) - Tho	usands
	Jan: 1960	June 1960	1	Jung 1961	0ct. 1961	Jan. 1962	April 1962	May 1962	June 1962
UNPLACED APPLICANTS: Males: Metropolitan Rest of State	6.6 7.8	3.8 5.3	7.3 9.1	19.9	15.3 9.3	18.2 12.7	11.7	11.0 10.5	11.3
Juniors(under 21) Adults	4.4	2.0 7.1	4.7	5.8 24.2	4.4	9.1	4.9 17.3	4.8 16.7	4.8
Total	14.4	9.1	16.4	30.0	24.6	30.9	22.2	21.5	22.0
Females: Metropolitan Rest of State	4.1	2.9 3.9	3•7 4•9	7.7 5.1	6.1 4.7	9.1	7.1 6.5	6.2 6.4	6.5
Juniors(under 21) Adults	4.2 5.0	2.6 4.2	4.6	5.1 _ <u>7.7</u>	4.4 6.4	9.2 7.0	6.3 7.3	5.8 6.8	5•7 7•2
Total	9.2	_6.8	8.6	12.8	10.8	16.2	13.6_	12.6	12.9
Persons: Total	23.6	15.9	25.0	42.8	35•4	47.1	35.8	34.1	34.9
UNFILLED VACANCIES: Persons	14.6	14.3	17.0	5.1	10.0	8.9	8.2	7.8	7.4
ON UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT "	7.9	5.6	5.2	20.4	17.7	19.9	17.6	17.1	17.0

The number of <u>Unplaced Applicants</u> for employment in Australia fell in June by 800 to 93,100, which is the lowest since April 1961 though still twice as high as in June 1960. The decrease in June was confine. to Queensland where seasonal engagements have reduced total applicants from a peak of 30,900 at the end of January to 16,300 in June. There was no change during June in South Australia but the other States show small increases which seem largely of a seasonal character. The main rise in the month was for applicants in rural and professional and clerical occupations. The number of persons on <u>Unemployment Benefit</u> in Australia fell from 57,100 in January 1962 to 47,300 at the beginning and 46,300 at the end of June.

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	UNPLAC	UNPLACED APPLICANTS Registered with Commonwealth Employment Serv								
1960: 26th July	15,800	11,300	8,600	4,600	4,700	2,200	47,200			
1961: 2nd June 30th June	38,800 42,800	26,100 30,800	20,000	8,500 9,000	6,100 6,700	3,000 3,200	102,500			
1962: 2nd March 1st June 29th June	41,000 34,100 34,900	26,000 25,500 26,100	26,300 19,400 16,300	8,200 6,900 6,900	6,800 5,000 5,300	4,000 3,000 3,600	112,300 93,900 93,100			
	N	umber of P	ersons i	n Receipt	of UNEMP	LOYMENT BENE	CFIT			
1962: 27th Jan. 2nd June 30th June	19,900 17,100 17,000	13,700 13,200 14,300	15,300 9,900 7,400	3,600 3,100 3,100	3,200 2,500 2,700	1,400 1,500 1,800	57,100 47,300 46,300			

The improvement in recorded factory production of recent months was maintained in June 1962 when of 87 separate items listed in monthly statistics, 63 (or 87 percent.) showed an increase as compared with June 1961. Increases applied to all the major industry groups, though rather less in the food industries, which depend on rural output, than elsewhere. In the six months ended June 1962, 59 items (68 percent. of the total) were higher than in the same period of 1961, but only 42 items (48 percent.) were higher than in January-June, 1960.

FACTORY PRODUCTION - NEW SOUTH WALES - ITEMS RECORDED MONTHLY

Production Items	Number of Items		s showing INCREASES in Six Months ended June
Groups	in each Group	1962 compared with 1961	1962 compared with 1960
Food and Drink	16	10	13
Coal, Iron, Steel, Gas, Power	5	4	4
Textiles, Clothing	24	18	9
Building Materials	8	4	2
Household Appliances	20	13	6
Soap, Batteries, etc.	14	10	8
Total	87	59	42

Taking individual major factory items, production continued to expand in the first half of 1962 for electricity, iron, steel, sulphate of ammonia, synthetic resins, and some electrical and engineering items (motor bodies, some types of moters and batteries, washing machines); production of other electrical goods, paints, engines, textiles and clothing was also generally higher than last year though still below earlier peaks. However, there remained a notable lag in the output of major building materials, such as bricks, tiles, timber, cement and fibrous plaster.

	-	Year	ended	June	Six	Mon	ths	e n d	ded-
PRODUCTION - New Sou	uth Wales	1960	1067	7060	June	Dec.	June		June
Coal	m. tons	16.5	1961	1962	1960	1960	1961	-	1962
Electricity	m.k.Wh.	9204	9673	19.2	8.3 4661	9•4 4878	4795	10.2 5238	8.9 5447
Gas	m.therm	121.5	128.2	126.2	62.5	68.2	60.0	66.5	59.7
Pig Iron	000 tons	2399	2755	3106	1238	1372		1481	1625
Ingot S t e e 1	000 tons	3517	3724	4052	1748	1910	1814	2022	2030
Bricks (Clay)	million	448	463	431	220	243	220	221	210
Cement	000 tons	1046	1168	1051	522	598	570	538	513
Synthetic Resins	000 cwt.	n.a.	803	869	n.a.	471	332	415	454
Electric Stoves	000	48.8	45.7	43.3	24.9	28.3	17.4		22.4
Bath Heaters(All Typ Hotwater Systems	000	33.3 64.1	30.4 68.0	30.1	15.6	16.8	13.6		14.1
Refrigerators(Domest			102.6	63.5 96.1	31.4 45.8	37·4 80·7	30.6		29.7
Washing Machines "	000	94.8	94.4	111.8	49.0	54.5			56.3
Radio Receivers	000	262	305	258	129	204	101	142	116
Television Receivers	000	326	221	200	151	149	172	82	118
Internal Combustion		187	128	150	54	95	33	100	50
Electric Motors Motor Bodies	000	1164	1327	1163	582	814	513	598	566
Batteries (All Types) 000	88 1129	87	100	44	50	37	42	58
Sulphate of Ammonia	000 tons	43.9	1112 37.4	1052 44.4	609	594 17.6	518 19.8	458	594
Yarn (All Types)	m.lbs.	36.7	34.6						22.0
Woven Cloth "	m.sq.yd.	38.4	42.4	33.6 39.2	18.7	19.8	14.8		18.7
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[#] Excl. car, motor cycle, tractor and aero engines.

 The decline experienced in 1961 in approvals for new dwellings in New South Wales was halted early in 1962, and the total for June quarter 1962 of 9041 was 1416 higher than a year earlier. For the six months ended June, dwellings at 16,129 in 1962 were about 4 percent. more than in 1961 though still 26 percent. less than in 1960. This recent recovery was due partly to an increase in Government projects which accounted for 18½ percent. of total dwelling approvals in January-June 1962, as against 17 and 7 percent. respectively in the same period of 1961 and 1960, and partly to a revival in private house building. The proportion of flats in total dwelling approvals in the six months ended June fell from 26 percent. to 24 percent. in 1961 and 18 percent. in 1962. The value of all building approvals in January-June which had fallen from £120m. in 1960 to £96m. in 1961, recovered to £105m. in 1962; the latter movement included increases of £4m. (to £58m.) for dwellings, and £7m. (to £13m.) for offices and banks and a decrease of £2m. (to £8m.) for factories.

BUILDING APPROVED-NEW SOUTH WALES

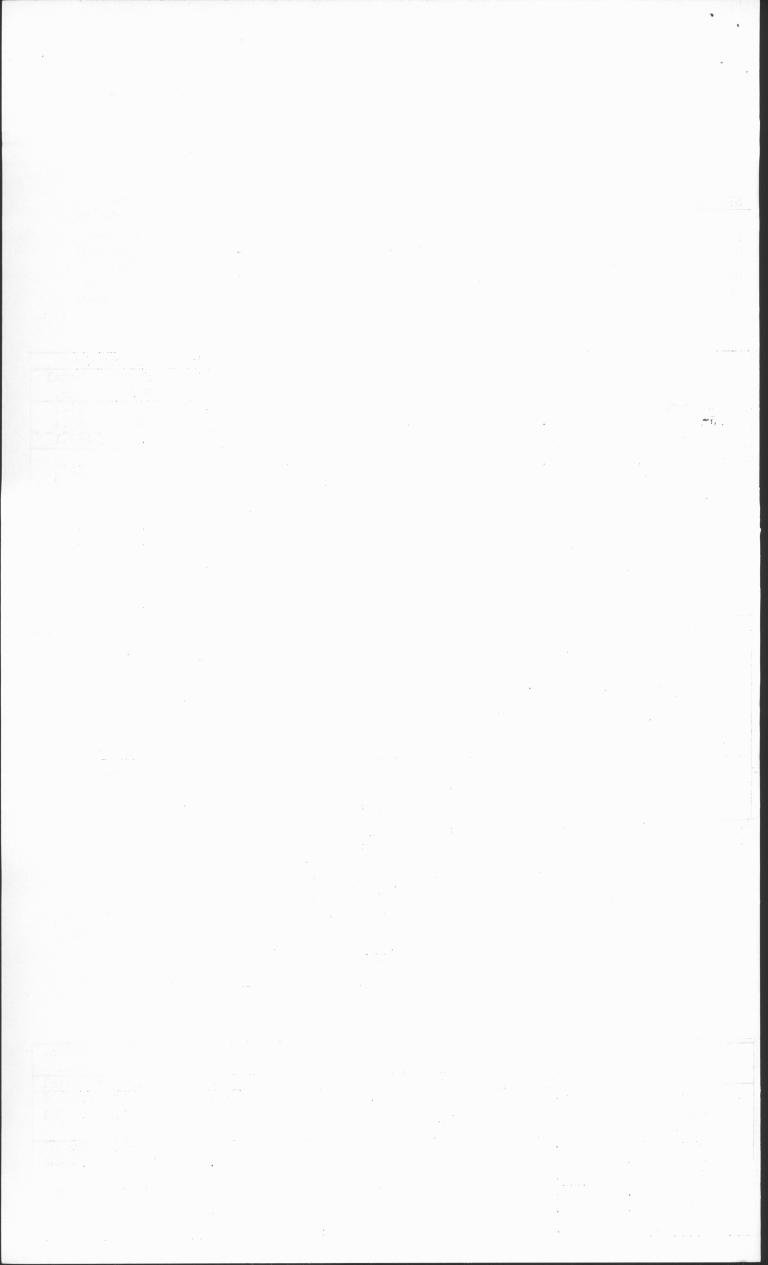
	Numb	ero	f Dwe	lli	ngs	Value	of Appr	ovals
	Houses	Flats	Houses	s & Fla	provate contract residence of the province of the Province of the	Dwellings	Other	Total
			Private	Govt.	Total	£m.	£m.	£m.
1960 March Qtr.	7,834	2475	9,746	563	10,309	32.3	22.4	54.7
. Jane Qtr.	8,262	3233	10,492	1003	11,495	37.4	28.0	65.4
JanJune	16,096	5708	20 , 238	1566	21,804	69.7	50.4	120.1
1961 March Qtr. June Qtr.	6,168 6,324	1756 1301	6,642 6,265	1282 1360	7,924 7,62 <u>5</u>	27.3 26.9	19.9	47.2 48.0
Jan June	12,492	3057	12,907	2642	15,549	54.2	41.6	95.8
1962 March Qtr. June Qtr.	6,190 <u>7,077</u>	898 1 <u>9</u> 6 <u>4</u>	6,201 6,963	887 2078	7,088 9,041	26.2 31.9	23.9	50.1 54.8
Jan June	13,267	2862	13,164	2965	16,129	58.1	46.8	104.9
1960 Month of June 1961 " " " 1962 " " "	2,787 2,072 2,181	1062 420 530	3,404 1,992 2,167	445 590 544	3,849 2,492 2,711	13.0 9.0 9.7	6.5 8.2 6.4	19.5 17.2 16.1

The number of new houses and flats approved in Australia in the first half of 1962 was 42,527, which was $10\frac{1}{2}$ percent. more than in that period of 1961, but 21 percent. less than in January-June 1960. The value of all building approvals in the first half of 1962 was £291m., as against £258m. and £307m. in the corresponding periods of 1961 and 1960.

BUILDING APPROVED	Number of I	wellings(Hou	ses & Flats)	Value of	f All Bui	lding £mill.
AUSTRALIA	1960	1961	1962	1960	1961	1962
March Quarter	25,813	17,897	19,310	139.8	119.5	137.3
June Quarter	28,021	20,599	23,217	166.7	138.0	153.2
January - June	53,834	38,496	42,527	306.5	257.5	290.5
Month of June	9,599	8,062	7,498	58.7	51.9	48.0

Commencements of new houses and flats in New South Wales in June Quarter 1962 at 7,559 (prel. estimate) were a little more than in March quarter (7,357) but slightly less than in June Quarter 1961 (7,623). For the six months ended June commencements of 14,916 in 1962 were 8 percent. (5% for houses and 14% for flats) less than in 1961 and 16 percent. (14% and 25% respectively) less than in 1960. Completions of 15,757 in this period of 1962 were 14 percent. and 8 percent. respectively less than in January-June 1961 and 1960. The estimated number of houses under construction has been progressively reduced from about 19,500 at the end of 1960 to 15,251 at the end of June 1962.

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES & FLATS - New South Wales Under Construction, Commenced Completed at end of Period Houses Flats Total Houses Flats | Total | Houses Flats Total 6,652 1960 March Qtr. 1298 7,950 6,967 7,983 14,693 1016 3113 17,806 7,650 14,302 6,566 6,655 13,221 1322 | 9,054 | 14,611 2338 | 17,037 | 1968 | 9,502 | 13,084 1627 | 8,879 | 12,487 3595 | 18,381 | 1504 | 7,619 | 11,732 7,732 14,699 June Qtr. Jan.- June 2099 3397 9,749 17,699 3890 18,501 8,571 7,623 7,534 7,252 14,786 2005 1961 March Qtr. 5508 18,592 June Qtr. 968 4849 17,336 2973 Jan .- June 16,194 6,155 7,357 6,115 1962 March Qtr. 1202 4098 | 15,830 8,138 11,413 6,198 1361 7,559 June Qtr.P 6,517 1621 3838 15,251 12,353 2563 12,632 14,916 3125 Jan.- JuneP



NEW SOUTH WALES GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS

The volume of traffic (number of passengers and tonnage of goods) carried on the State railways in the eleven months ended May was about the same in 1961 and 1962, but gross earnings fell by £1.8m. and expenses rose by £0.6m. so that the working surplus for the period was reduced by £2.4m. to £8.2m. in the current year.

NEW SOUTH WALES GOVERNA	MENT RAILWAYS	Eleve	n Months	ended May	Mon	th of	
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Passenger Journeys Goods (excl.livestock)	million million tons	234.2 19.52	233.2 21.52	232.0 21.58		22.2	
Gross Earnings Wor ing Expenses	${\mathfrak L}$ million ${\mathfrak L}$ million	75 • 42 67 • 40 8 • 02	81.78 71.21 10.57	80.02 71.80 8.22	7.00 6.50	7.66 6.95	7.70 6.47 1.23

MOTOR VEHICLES - New South Wales and Australia (See also graph p. 81)

Following a reduction/sales tax early in 1962, new registrations of motor vehicles in New South Wales rose strongly; at 57,000 in January-June 1962 they were at record levels and exceeded the two preceding half-years by 19 percent. and 24 percent. respectively. However, total registrations for the twelve months ended June 1962 at 104,000 were still a little less than in 1960-61 (109,200) or 1959-60 (111,400). Registrations of cars and station wagons in 1961-62 were well maintained but those of other vehicles (lorries, etc.) declined. Registrations in the other States also made a strong recovery in the first half of 1962, when the Australian total of 145,600 was 23,100 (19 percent.) more than in July-December 1961 and 30,300 (26 percent.) more than in January-June 1961. Comparing the years ended June 1961 and 1962, Australian registrations of station wagons rose in the latter year by 1200 to 48,600 while those of cars fell by 8,400 to 167,300 and of other vehicles by 7000 to 52,200.

REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES (Excl. Motor Cycles, Tractors, Trailers) South Wa 1959-60 1960-61 Austra: N. w .. 1958-59 1959-60 1961-62 83,000 56,900 23,000 27,200 31,700 22,400 69,300 September Quarter 80,500 84,000 56,900 65,600 December Quarter 24,800 30,100 31,500 25,400 26,600 22,700 27,600 21,200 68,100 March Quarter 29,400P 74,800 June Quarter 23,700 27,500 23,300 58,400 77,500P Year ended June:

69,500 68,700 58,300 67,900 182,400 Cars 175,700 | 167,300P 17,800 9,800 15,700 18,000 48,600P Station Wagons 41,700 47,400 Others 24,600 26,200 22,500 69,000 59,200 52,200P 19,100 Total 111,400 109,200 104,800P 268,100P 92,700 293,100 282,300

PORT OF SYDNEY

Export cargoes from Sydney rose from 3.4m. tons in 1960-61 to the record figure of 3.9m. tons in 1961-62, mainly through increased oversea shipments of wheat and coal. Import cargoes, at 6.5m. tons in 1961-62, were less than in recent years mainly because of a fall in oversea imports. Following the trend of recent years interstate and intra-state trade with Sydney declined in 1961-62. Expansion continued in oil imports (mainly from overseas) into Botany Bay which at 3.8m. tons in 1961-62 exceeded the total tonnage of oversea imports into Sydney. Oil imports into Sydney and Botany Bay rose from 4.8m. tons in 1960-61 to 5.4m. tons in 1961-62.

SHIPPING CARGO IN THE PORT OF SYDNEY - Thousand Tons Oversea Interstate Total Intrastate Year ended Inward June Outward Inward Inward Outward Outward Inward Outward 2045 1939 1187 1896 1429 798 340 5,128 2,567 1960 3542 2183 928 715 2306 56 6,776 2,954 1083 1961 2656 3814 669 2387 72 7,284 3,397 1962 3252 569 3306 1024 6,469 2193 3,919

PART II: FINANCE AND TRADE

CENTRAL BANKING AND SHORT TERM MONEY MARKET - Australia

Despite the repayment during the past year of a loan of £78m. from the International Monetary Fund, Australia's international reserves increased from £55lm. at the end of June 1961 to £561 m. in June 1962, which was the highest June figure recorded since 1957. Gold and Balances Abroad held by the Reserve Bank showed a similar increase, with a corresponding fall in holdings of Public Securities.

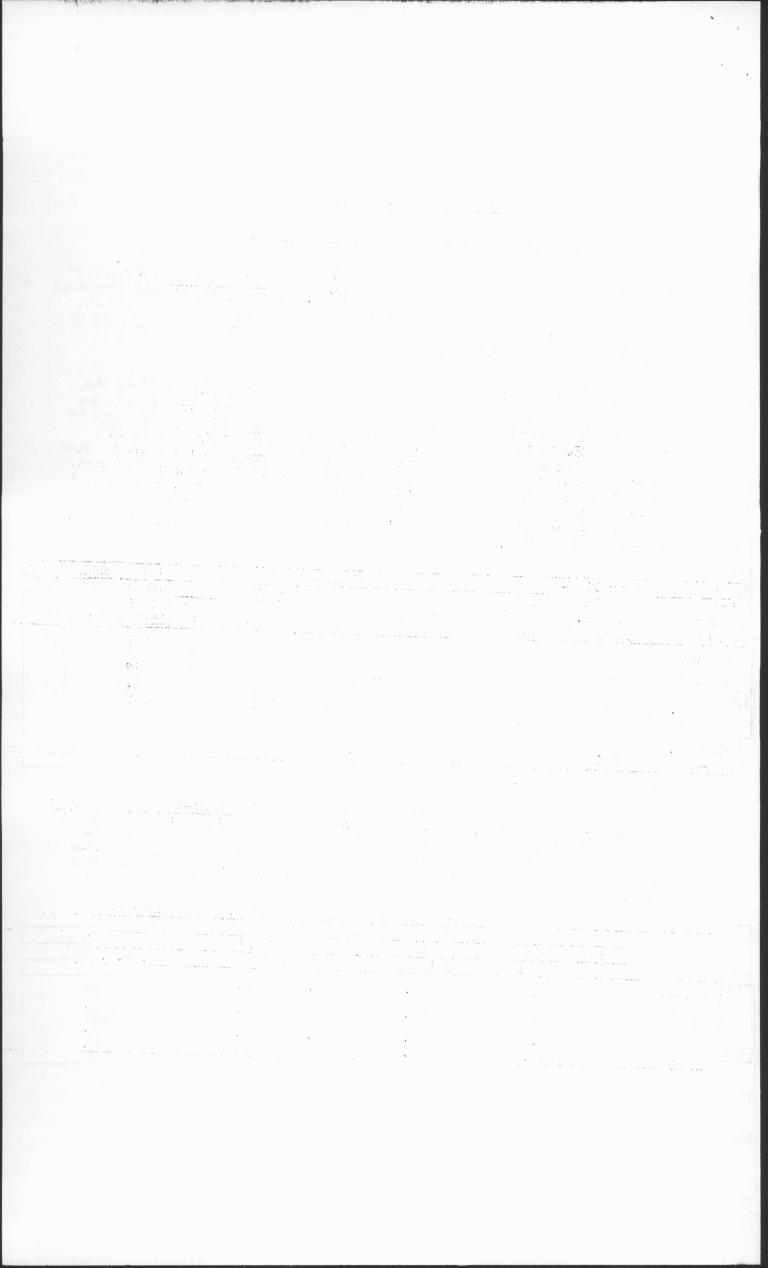
The Australian Note Issue (including notes held by banks) in the first week of July at £424m. in 1962 was £8m. higher than in 1961 and £5m. more than in 1960. Provision for greater liquidity of the trading banks is shown in the reduction of Statutory Reserve Deposits from £303m. in July 1960 to £235m in 1961 and £194m. in 1962. During May 1962 the Reserve Bank made a special release (equivalent to about 2% of customers' deposits with trading banks) from Statutory Reserves, and authorised a reduction (equal to about 1% of deposits) in the liquid assets ratio of the banks, so as to provide a fund for term bans of approximately £55m.; these moves are reflected in the rise of the item 'Other Trading Bank Deposits', from £35m. in July 1961 to £87m. in 1962.

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Month	Holdings Ø	Abroad	rities		Issue	Reserve	Dep's	lities	Liabil's
1954-July	571	493	433	68	346	352	29	267,	994
1960-July	512	436	501	84	419	303	27	272	1021
1961-Jan. -July	376 551	322 461	642 498	67 89	454 416	278 233	26 35	27 3 364	1031 1048
1962-JanJuly	602 56 1	508 486	534 466	49 67	453 424	224 194	31 87	383 314	1091 1019

As at end of previous month.

Loans accepted by authorised dealers in the short-term money market at June rose from £80m. in 1960 and £97m. in 1961 to £116m. in 1962, with most of the increase coming from non-bank sources. Minimum interest rates for call money were reduced from almost 3% early in 1961 and $2\frac{1}{4}\%$ later that year to 2% in recent months, while the maximum rate (fixed periods) eased correspondingly from nearly 5% to 4%.

SHORT TERM MONEY MARKET = LOANS ACCEPTED AND OUTSTANDING = Australia LOANS ACCEPTED AND OUTSTANDING RATES OF INTEREST From Trading Banks Other Total Maximum Percent. p.a. lion m i 1960-June 27.2 52.7 79.9 2.75 3.50 1961-June 34.4 62.7 97.1 2.50 4.83 1962-May 29.6 87.8 2.00 4.13 117.4 June 116.4 2.00 4.00 n.a. n.a.



Deposits with major trading banks in Australia in the June quarter fell seasonally by £71m. in 1962 as compared with/fall. of £56m.in 1961 At the end of June, 1962, total deposits stood at £1824m. which was £109m. higher than a year earlier. Fixed Deposits accounted for £80m. of this increase, and interest-bearing current deposits for a further £6m. Current non-interest bearing deposits at £1168m. in June 1962 were £23m. more than in June 1961 but £97m. less than in June 1960.

After a comparatively large reduction from £1035m. in July 1961 to £965m. in February 1962 bank advances rose back to £1031m. in June which is £11m. more than a year earlier; however, the ratio of advances to deposits of $56\frac{1}{2}$ percent. in June 1962 remained less than at this time of recent years. Total overdraft limits (excluding temporary advances to wool buyers) rose during June quarter 1962 by £40m. to £1729m., as against a corresponding rise of £67m. in advances outstanding; unused overdraft limits thus fell during the period by about £27m. to £734m.

Statutory Reserve Deposits were reduced from £235m. in March 1962 to £195m. in June; their ratio to deposits of 10.7 percent. was then much lower than in any earlier year. This recent fall was due to a transfer (together with a portion of liquid funds) to the New Term Loan Fund Accounts with the Reserve Bank; this account will amount to 3 percent. (approx. £55m.) of customers' deposits. Seasonal demands on bank funds in the June quarter were largely met by a reduction in their holdings of Government securities, but the liquidity ratio (cash and securities to deposits) at $24\frac{1}{2}$ percent. in June remained high for this time of the year.

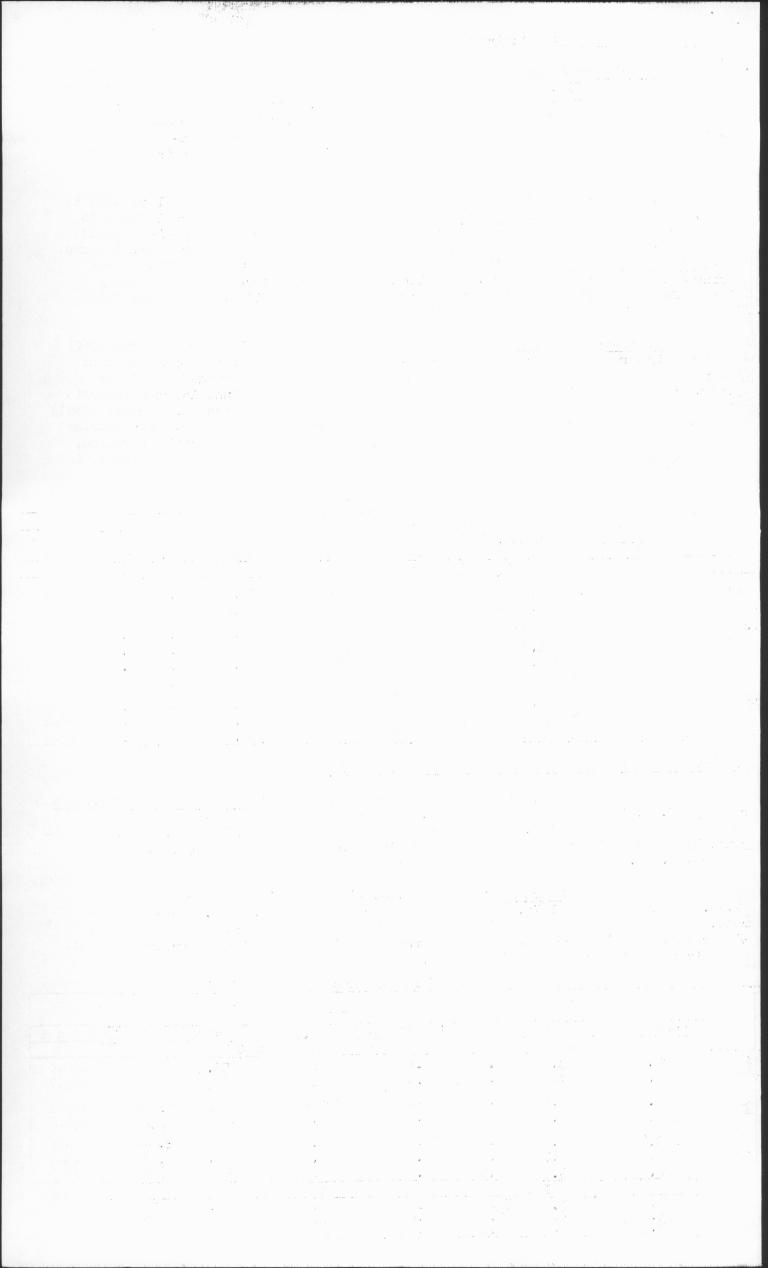
MAJOR TRADING BANKS - Business within Australia											
Month	DEP	OSITS OF	ERS	ADVANCES	RESERVE	Govt.	Cash	RATIO	TO DEI	POSITS	
(Weekly	Fixed	AND REPORT OF THE PROPERTY OF	ren	and the second name of the second name of the second	to Custo-	-DEPOSIT	SECUR-	Items	Advan-	Res.	Cash &
Average)		Interest	Other	Total	mers	Account	ITIES		ces	Dep.	Sec's.
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1960:March June	360 362	99 104		1,784		308 304	375 256	66 71	52.4 58.6	17.3 17.5	
1961:March May June Aug.	445 463 471 503	102 97 99 102	1,162	1,771 1,722 1,715 1,711		307 376 260 213	274 264 263 321	69 72 69 68	57.1 58.6 59.5 59.3	17.3 16.0 15.1 12.5	19.4 19.4 19.4 22.7
1962:March May June	561 554 551	95 104 105		1,895 1,843 1,824	972 1022 1031	235 198 195	512 395 377	68 70 70	51.3 55.5	12.4	30.6 25.2

SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS - New South Wales and Australia

After a small fall in April 1962 savings deposits in New South Wales rose by £7.3m. in May to a total of £606.5m.; about one half of this rise was due to interest credits. Total deposits then stood at £46.5m. or 8.3 percent. higher than in May 1961, as compared with increases of £29.8m. (5.6%) and £53.3m. (9.1%) in the two preceding years ended May.

Deposits in Australia rose by £15.lm. (including interest credits £7.3m.) in May 1962 to £1678,8m., making an increase of £13lm. or 8.5 percent. for the year ended May; the Commonwealth Savings Bank accounted for 30 percent. of this increase, State and Trustee Savings Banks for 22 percent. and private savings banks for 48 percent.

	SAVINGS BANK D	EPOSITS -	New Sou	th Wales a	nd Australia - £	million			
	New South Wales Australia								
	Commonwealth	Private	Total	C'wealth	State & Trustee	Private	Total		
	D	еров	itsa	s a t E		The second secon	The state of the s		
1960- April May	392.3 393.1	133.4 137.1	525•7 530•2	779.6 780.9	445.6 446.8	2 5 5•2 262•0	1,480.4		
1961- April May	407.2 404.1	153.3 155.9	560.5 560.0	801.1 795.5	457.8	290.2	1,549,3		
1962- Maroh April May	423.1 422.1 422.6	177.7 177.1 183.9	600.8 599.2 606.5	835.5 833.2 834.5	488.6 485.8 486.7	346.0 344.7 357.6	1,663.1 1,678.8		
		Ιn	crea	se : M	lay to Ma	У	офисинанизаций пинитом общего инсигнательности части.		
1959 - 1960 1960 - 1961 1961 - 1962	21.9 11.0 18.5	31.4 18.8 24.0	53 3 20 8 46 5	44.0 14.6 39.0	25.9 11.0 28.9	62.7 32.5 63.1	132.6 58.1 131.0		



Comparing 1962 with 1961, the values of sales in large city stores fell by about 2 percent. in March quarter, were higher by 6.1 percent. in the month of April, but were again lower by 0.7 and 1.1% respectively, in May and June. Sales for the first six months of 1962 were 0.2 percent. less than in that period of 1961, which in turn had been 3 percent. below January-June 1960. The value of stock held by retail stores has shown a relative decline since the last quarter of 1961 and in May 1962 was 0.4 percent. less than a year earlier.

LARGE SYDNEY STORES - Percent. Rise or Fall (-) Compared with Previous Year

	Actual of Busine	Number ss Days	V A	LUE O	F S A]	VALUE OF STOCK Beginning of Month -			
	1960/1	1961/2	1958/9	1959/60	1960/1	1961/2	1959/60	1960/1	1961/2
Sept.Quarter Dec. " March "	79 76 74	79 75 76	4.4 1.9 -3.0	1.3 3.8 9.9	5.3 2.4 - 0.5	- 6.9 - 7.2 - 1.8	2.3 0.2 1.9	3.5 5.1 5.3	- 1.5 - 2.2 - 4.8
April May June	22 27 25	21 27 25	3.9 -3.7 3.1	12.6 5.5	- 6.9 - 2.9 - 6.2	6.1 - 0.7 - 1.1	4.3 3.9 4.3	4.5 3.5 3.2	- 3.4 - 0.4 n.a.
Jan June	148	149	0.9	7.8	3.0	- 0.2			

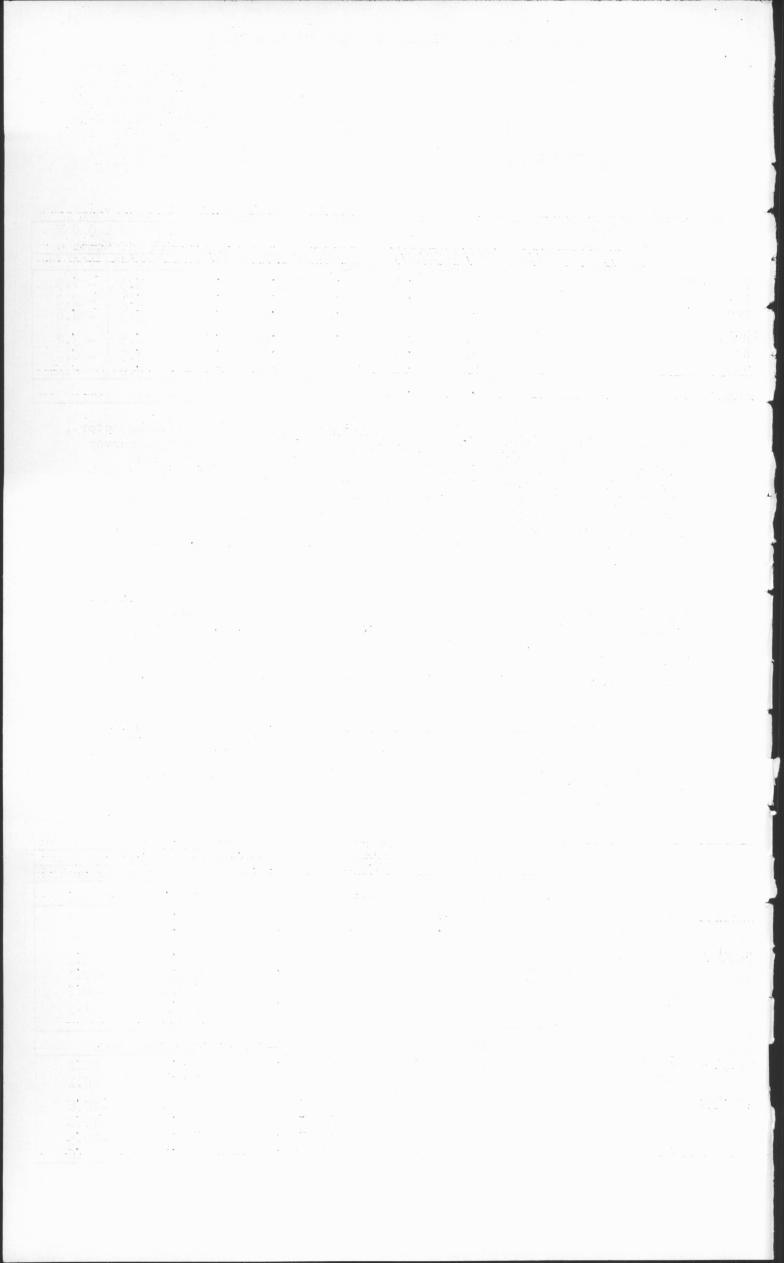
An estimate of the value of retail sales of goods (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.) in New South Wales, based on a sample survey of retail establishments in New South Wales has shown in recent years consistently greater expansion of turnover than the series for large Sydney stores; the sample survey indicates that even in 1961 sales values remained a little higher than in 1960, with increases as compared with corresponding periods of the preceding year of 0.1 percent. in the second half of 1961 and 1.9 percent. in March quarter 1962. This may be due to the wider coverage of the survey and to a trend in shopping away from the large city stores to suburban centres.

Comparing the March quarters of 1961 and 1962, sales in New South Wales increased in the latter period by about £5m. to £264m., with the principal gains in sales of food items (up £3.3m. to £98.7m.) and chemists' goods (£1.1m. to £12.7m.) and in a recovery in electrical goods (up £1.3m. to £17.4m., which restored them to the level of March quarter 1960). For the Commonwealth, sales increased correspondin ly by £10m. or $1\frac{1}{2}$ percent. to £677m.

Sales of motor vehicles, parts, petrol etc. in New South Wales, which had fallen substantially in 1961, showed a relative gain in March quarter 1962 when at £86m. they were £10m. or 13 percent. higher than a year ago and £3m. higher than two years ago. For the whole of Australia sales of these items in March quarter declined from £220m. in 1960 to £196m. in 1961 and recovered to £219m. in 1962.

RETAIL SALES OF GOODS

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		N.S.W.	Other States	Australia	N.S.W.	Other States	Australia
		RETAIL	SALES OTHER	THAN MOTO	R VEHICL	ES, PARTS, PETRO	L, Etc.
Year:	1959 – 60 1960 – 61	1,056	1,635 1,721	2,691 2,822	9.2 4.3	10.0 5.2	9•7 4•8
Quarter:	1961 March September December 1962 March	259 268 308 264	408 417 475 413	667 685 783 677	1.9 0.1 0.1 1.9	3.6 - 0.2 - 0.3 1.3	3.3 - 0.1 - 0.1 1.5
		R	ETAIL SALES	OF MOTOR V	EHICLES,	PARTS, PETROL,	ETC.
Year:	1959 – 60 1960 – 61	332 343	56 3 553	8 95 896	21.3	19.5 - 1.8	20.2
Quarter:	1961 March September December 1962 March	76 80 86 86	120 122 137 133		- 8.3 -16.3 - 8.2 13.2	-12.3 -20.6 -11.9 10.6	-10.8 -19.0 -10.5 11.6



OVERSEA TRADE - Australia - Merchandise

Merchandise imports into Australia fell appreciably after April 1961, and the total of £883m. for the year ended June 1962 was £202m. or 19 percent. less than in 1960-61 and also £42m. less than in 1959-60. Merchandise exports rose after the first quarter of 1961, and for the year ended June 1962 they reached the record figure of £107lm., which was 16 percent. more than in 1960-61 and 1959-60. Unlike recent years, exports exceeded imports in each month during 1961-62, and the year's surplus of £188m. was the highest since 1952-53; in 1960-61 there had been an import surplus of £157m. The improvement in the trade position in 1961-62 was due mainly to quantitative changes; import prices remained virtually unchanged, and the export price index rose only slightly (by 3 percent. between ten months ended April 1961 and 1962).

OVERSEA TRADE, AU	STRALIA,	Merch	andise	Only,	£million	, f.o.b	•	
Year ended June	1939	1951	1952	1953	1959	1960	1961	1962
Exports Imports	122		665 1050	848 510	806 794	926 925	928 1085	1071 883
Excess, Export (+) or Imports(-)	+ 9	+238	-385	+338	+12	+ 1	-157	+188

A dissection available for the eleven months ended May shows that, out of a total fall of £209m.in imports between 1961 and 1962 motor vehicle components accounted for £39m., basic steel £35m., yarns and textiles £30m., machinery £25m., paper £12m., timber £8m. and rubber £6m. Exports between the two eleven-months periods rose by £152m., with increases in wool £44m., wheat £40m. (mainly to China, India and Spain), beef £19m., iron and steel £17m., fresh and dried fruit £7m., and coal £6m., lead and zinc £6m.

The weight of wool shipped from Australia in the first nine months of the 1961/2 selling season (September/May), equivalent to 1244m.lbs.greasy, was greater than in recent years (1163m.lbs. and 1213m.lbs. in the corresponding periods of 1960-1 and 1959-60). The average price of 58d. per lb. greasy was 4d. more than in the 1960-61 period but less than in 1959-60 (62d) and most earlier post-war seasons; and the total export value of £30lm. was £38m. (14 percent.) more than in 1960-61 but £12m. less than in 1959-60 (nine months periods).

Japan again increased its purchases and with 29 percent. of total value remained the largest buyer. Shipments to the United Kingdom continued to decline, and its proportion of total value was 15 percent. as compared with 17, 20 and 26 percent. in the same nine months of the three preceding seasons. For the European Common Market countries a reduction in shipments to France was more than offset by greater exports to Italy, and their combined share remained at 30 percent. The United States (5 percent.) took more than in recent years, and shipments to Mainland China also rose appreciably.

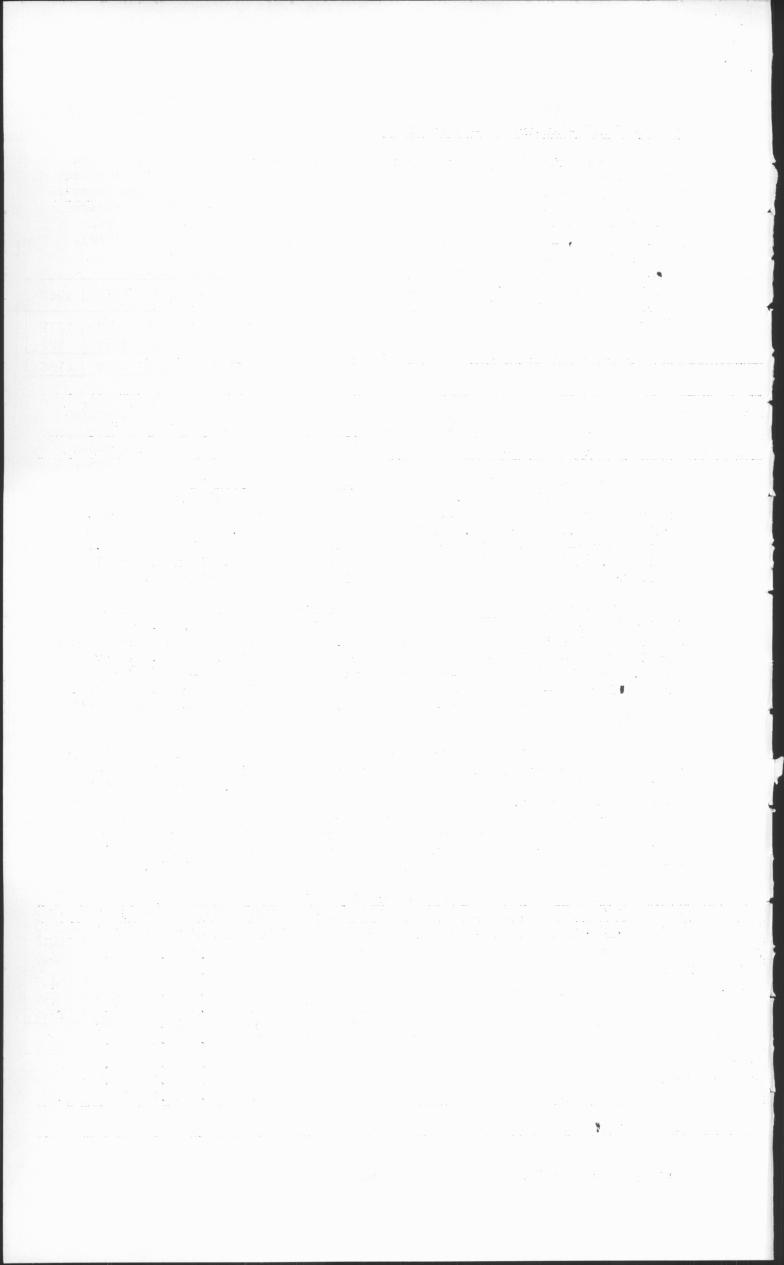
	EXP	ORTS O	F W O () L -	Aus	stralia	- Nin	e Month	s ende	d May		
September/May	and the same of th	a la company de la company	1961	1962	1959 V a	1960	1961	1962	management brook as been	1960	electrates some Cource, remains also per	1962
		greas	y equit	valent	Va	lue	, £mil	LION	rerc	ent.of	Total	value
Japan United Kingdom	238	264 253	324 207	329 196	52 64	74 63	79 45	87 45		23.6	30.0	29.0
France Belgium Italy Germany	136 85 112 59	138 84 123 71	139 81 96 61	128 86 136 65	28 13 24 12	33 16 33 17	30 14 22 13	28 16 33 14	11.5 5.3 9.9 4.8	-	11.3 5.2 8.5 4.8	9.5 5.3 10.8 4.6
United States Eastern Europe Others	55 50 131	38 85 157	44 84 127	59 82 163	10 13 27	9 29 39	9 21 30	14 23 41	4.1 5.4 11.4	3.0 9.2 12.1	3.4 8.1 11.4	4.7 7.6 13.6
Total	117	1213	1163	1244	243	313	263	301	100%	100%	100%	100%
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51d

62d

54d

Average Value, Pence per 1b. greasy



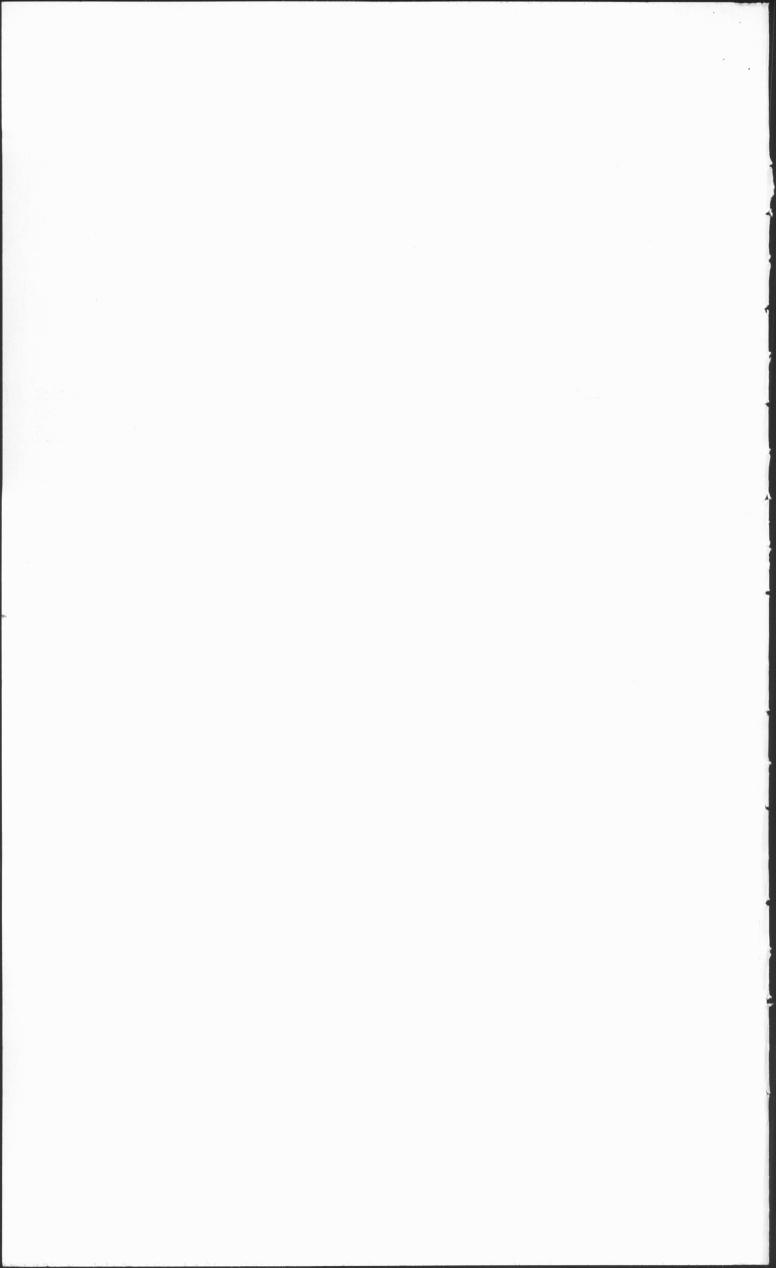
An upward trend over a period of eight years in real estate turnovers (conveyances and transfers) reached a peak in the second half of 1960
when registered sales in the State reached a value of £235m.; sales then
fell to £175m. in January-June 1961 and remained near that level in the
next two half-years. The number of transactions fell similarly from
64,000 in January-June 1961 to about 50,000 in each of the next three halfyears. For the year ended June 1962 the value of sales was £346m., as
compared with £510m. and £365m. in the two preceding years.

The value of registered <u>mortgages</u> showed a similar trend; after reaching a peak of £113m. in July-December 1960 values fell to £103m. in the first half of 1961 and to about £95m. in the next two half-years. The value of mortgages granted by Government agencies, building societies and banks has remained fairly steady in recent years; and the increase in total value in 1960-61 and the subsequent decline in 1961-62 were mainly **in** mortgages granted by other financiers. The average rate of interest charged on first mortgages (other than Government) rose from about $7\frac{1}{2}\%$ in 1958-59 to 8.7% in 1960-61 and 9% at the end of 1961-62.

REAL ESTATE - New South Wales SALES: Number Value (Where shown)	£m.	Av.1936/8 44,400 36.1	1958-9 103,800 281.4	1959-60 117,700 364.8	1960-1 116,100 410.3	1961-2 98,900 345.6
MORTGAGES: Consideration(where shown First Mortgages by Class of I			7.4.0	7.4.0	7.4.6	72.6
Government Building Societies			14.9	14.0 22.1	14.6 24.8	13.6 24.6
Banks			11.3	13.3	15.2	14.9
Other Corporations			44.0	65.5	87.4	68.1
Other Total,First Mortgages		nlal	46.4	48.0 162.9	202.2	55.3 176.5
Second and Subsequent Mortgages	res	n.a.	10.4	10.2	13.4	14.1
Total, Mortgages		23.8	148.3	173.1	215.6	190.6
STOCK MORTGAGES, LIENS ON WOOL AND CH	ROPS £m	6.5	10.5	10.0	7.2	6.9

STOCK EXCHANGE: The Sydney Stock Exchange's industrial index of share prices, which had declined gradually from 346 in February 1962 to 315 at the end of May, fell sharply in June to 298, the lowest level for 17 months. A subsequent rally took the index back to 313 on 13th July, but by 24th July it had fallen to 307.

SYDNEY STOCK EXCHANGE INDUSTRIAL SHARE INDEX	Peak 1960 September 1961 June	375 340	Low November 28 January 29	1	age_
Base: 1936/39 = 100	1962 26th Jan. 21st Feb. 2nd Mar. 17th April 18th May	329 346 340 323 324 317		January El January El February March April May	325 340 332 321 321 309



Preliminary figures for the year ended June 1962, as compared with 1961, show increases in State revenue of £12.8m. to £297.5m. and in expenditure of £15.8m. to £300.6m., leaving a deficit of £3.1m. in 1961-62, as against £0.1m. (final £0.3m.) in 1960-61 and a budget estimate of £1.8m. for 1961-62.

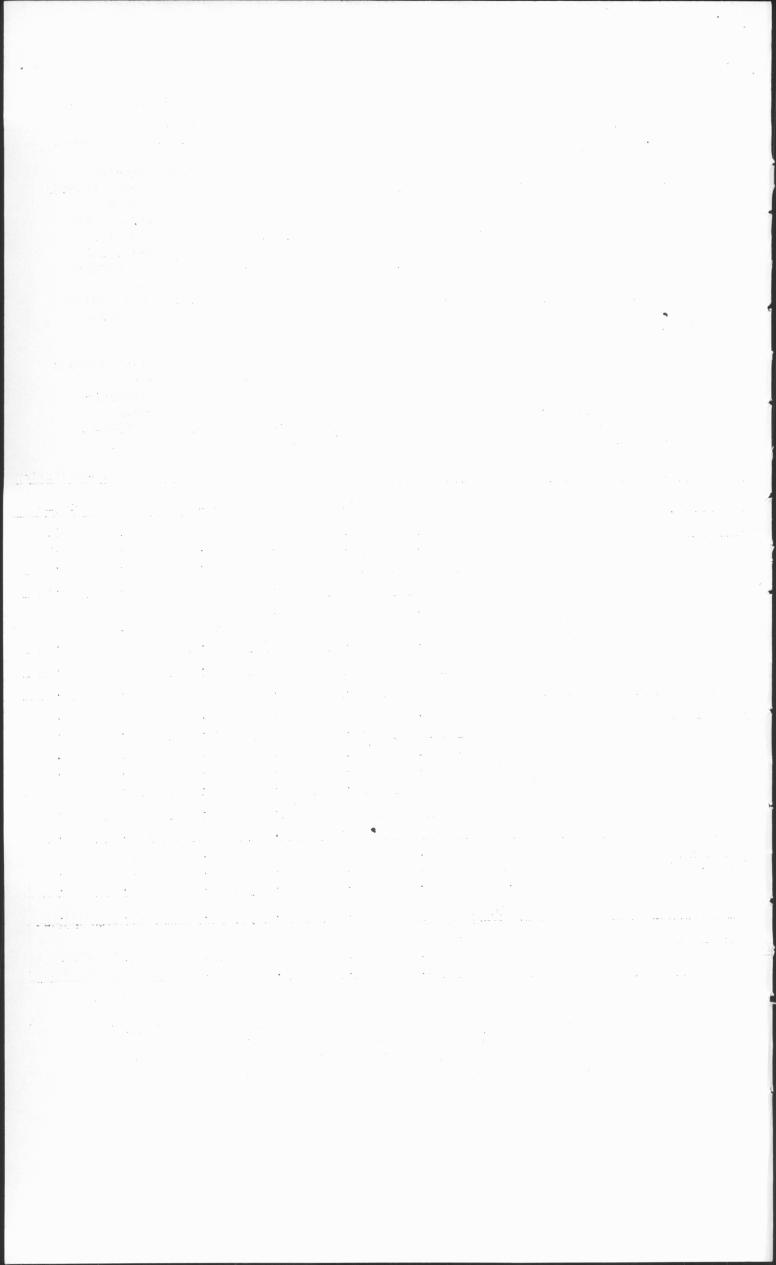
Governmental revenue at £188.lm. in 1961-62 was £12.9m. more than in 1960-61 due to increases of £9.5m. in the Financial Assistance grant, £2.9m. in State taxes and £0.5m. in Land Revenue; revenue from taxes and other Governmental sources exceeded also the budget estimate by about £0.7m. The Commonwealth Financial Assistance grant of £101.5m. in 1961-62 represented 54 percent. of total Government receipts, as compared with 52½ percent. in 1960-61 and between 51 and 52 percent. in the four preceding years. On the expenditure side departmental appropriations increased from £151.lm. in 1960-61 to £162.7m. in 1961-62 (budget estimate was £160.7m.), and het debt charges (including those on business undertakings) from £35.5m. to £38.6m. respectively.

A fall of £1.7m. to £90m. in railway revenue was only partly offset by a reduction of £0.3m. in working expenses, but for the Bus Services earnings and expenses fell to the same extent and for the Maritime Services Board expenses rose by less than revenue; the combined working surplus (before debt charges) of these <u>business undertakings</u> at £10.1m. in 1961-62 was only £1.2m. less than in 1960-61 and higher than in earlier years.

NEW SOUTH WALES GOVERNMENT ACCOU	JNTS - (H	Preliminar	y as issu	ued at end	of June)	- £million
Year ended June	1956 –5 7		1958–59		1960-61	1961-62
REVENUE: C'wealth, General Grant State Taxes Other Governmental	65.3 30.3 32.4	72.7 34.7 32.9	76.1 37.4 <u>84.1</u>	83.5 43.1 36.1	92.0 44.1 39.1	101.5 47.0 39.6
Total Governmental	128.0	140.3	147.6	162.7	175.2	188.1
Railways Trams and Buses Maritime Services Board x	80.6 14.5 2.9	76.2 14.3 2.9	77.7 13.6 3.0	85.2 13.3 3.4	91.7 13.0 4.8	90.0 12.8 6.6
Total Business	98.0	93.4	94.3	101.9	109.5	109.4
T o t a l Revenue	226.0	233.7	241.9	264.6	284.7	297.5
EXPENDITURE: Net Debt Charges Other Governmental	25.8 108.3	28.3 116.6	30.5 124.3	33.6 137.4	35.5 151.1	38.6 162.7
Railways(excl.debt charges) Trams and Buses " " Mar.Serv.Board " "	74.7 15.0 2.1	71.5 15.0 2.2	70.3 14.6 2.1	76.3 14.8 2.4	79.7 15.0 3.5	79•4 14•8 5•1
Total Business	91.8	88.7	87.0	93.5	98.2	99.3
T o t a l Expenditure	225.9	233.6	241.8	264.5	284.8	300.6
WORKING SURPLUS Railways (Excl.debt charges) Trams & uses Mar.Serv.Board	5.9 - 0.5 - 0.8	4.7 - 0.7 0.7	7.4 -1.0 0.9	8.9 -1.5 1.0	12.0 - 2.0 _ 1.3	10.6 - 2.0 1.5
Total Business	6.2	4.7	7.3	8.4	11.3	10.1
LOAN FUND: Loan Raisings(excl.repay- ments) Expenditure on Works etc.	50.0	53.0 57.9	55.1 60.7	58.1 63.9	60.7 65.7	62.3 67.9

x Port of Sydney and, from May 1961, also Ports of Botany Bay and Newcastle.

State gross loan expenditure on works increased from £66m. in 1961-62 to £68m. in 1961-62. For 1962-63 Loan Council allocations have been increased from £62.3m. to £65.lm.; in addition, repayments (currently at a rate of about £5m. a year) are credited to the Loan Account.



Commonwealth revenue for 1961-62, which had been budgeted to rise by £59m. to £1697m., actually increased by only £3m. to £1641m. Customs collections were £17m. less than last year and £3m. less than the Budget estimate, while sales tax collections were lower by £24m. and £12m. respectively. Income tax collections increased by £21m. over last year (mainly in tax from individuals), but remained £45m. less than budgeted, due partly to the rebate of 5 percent. in personal tax introduced in February 1962.

Expenditure, as shown below, at £1645m. in 1961-62 was £147m. more than in 1960-61 and also £29m. above the budget estimate. The main increases as compared with 1960-61 were in Social Services (pensions up £22m. to £180m., unemployment and sickness benefits up £8m. to £16m., pharmaceutical benefits up £1m. to £43m.), in payments to the States (up £42m.), and in capital works (up £21m.). The excess over the budget estimate was mainly in appropriations to the States (up £11m.), capital works (up £10m.) and unemployment and sickness benefits (up £7m.). The postal, radio and television services recorded a surplus of revenue over expenditure (excluding capital works and debt charges) of £24m. in both 1960-61 and 1961-62; capital works expenditure for the Post Office however rose by £5m. to £47m.

In respect of the services shown below, total revenue in 1961-62 was £4m. less than expenditure, as against a budgeted surplus for the year of £83m. and an actual surplus of £140m. in 1960-61. These figures include charges to Loan Funds for defence and repatriation (see footnotes); but exclude other Loan Fund expenditure, as well as loan allocations to States for works and housing (£247m., in 1961-62, see next page).

COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS - Year ended June - £million

			Budget		A c	tua	1	Budget	
REVENUE	1960	1961	1962	1962	EXPENDITURE	1960	1961	1962	1962
Customs	84	102	85	88	Social Services	29.9	331	365	358
Excise	252	25 7	265	265	States: General Gr.	253	279	313	302
Sales Tax	164	173	149	161	Other Gr.	68	75	83	83
Income Tax, S.S.C.	671	807	828	873	Defence Ø	194	198	203	203
Payroll Tax	55	61	61	61	War & Repat. ≠	94	100	106	104
Estate, Gift Duty	18	18	20	17	Capital Works	142	141	162	152
Total Taxation	1244	1418	1408	1465	Bounties, Subsidies	17	18	30	30
					Debt Charges	66	67	69	71
P.M.G., Radio, T.V.	132	148	152	154	P.M.G., Radio, T.V.	120	124	128	127
Other Revenue	62	72	81	78	Other Expenditure	163	165	186	186
Total	1438	1638	and the state of t	1697	Total	1416	1498	1645	1616
Incl.charge to Loan	Fund;£	7m,£2m	,£2m,£	2m.	Loan Consol. &	1			
,		respe	ctivel	У •	Investment Reserve	41	143	22	83

Ø Incl.charge to Loan Fund: £12m. in 59-60, £24m. in 61/2, and capital works.

Analysis of tax revenue by sources shows that the proportion raised by income tax in 1961-62 at 59%, was greater than in recent years, with a corresponding proportionate fall in indirect taxation. In the composition of expenditure the defence share continued to fall, from over 20% in 1952/3 and 53/4 to 13% in 60/1 and 12% in 61/2, as against a long-term proportionate rise in commitments for social services and to the States.

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<i>lear</i> ended June	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	Year ended June	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	
Customs, Excise	26	27	27	25	25	Social Services	20	21	21	22	22	
Sales Tax	13	13	13	12	10	To States	22	22	23	24	24	
Income Tax	56	54	54	57	59	Defence	15	14	14	13	12	
Other Taxes	5_	6_	6_	6	6_	Other Expenditure	43	43	42	41	42_	
All Taxes	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	All Expenditure	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	

The Australian Treasury bill issue (including Seasonal Notes) was seasonally reduced from £352m. in December 1961 to £193m. in May 1962, but an increase of £15m. to £208m. in June left it a little higher than usual at this time of year.

TREASURY BILLS (Including Seasonal Notes) Outstanding at End of Month = £million

	July	December	January	February	March	May	June
1959 – 60	169	322	323	308	299	196	201
1960–61	19 5	350	367	361	330	200	186
1961–62	180	352	344	298	301	193	208

COMMONWEALTH PAYMENTS TO OR FOR THE STATES, as summarised below, include the "General Grants" and "Other Grants", as well as some miscellaneous items shown under other headings on the Commonwealth Accounts on p. 75)

Commonwealth Financial Assistance Grants to the States, under the formula agreed to in 1959 (adjusted for changes in population and wage costs) are expected to increase from £29lm. in 1961-62 to £304m. in 1962-63, with the New South Wales share (equivalent to 34 percent. in each year) rising from £99m. to £103½m. Special Non Repayable Grants were first made in February 1962 (£10m. in 1961-62) for the purpose of stimulating employment, and for 1962-63 they are budgeted at £12½m., with the New South Wales share being £2.2m. and £3m. in the respective years. Special Assistance Grants are payable only to claimant States (since 1960-61 West. Aust. and Tasmania) on recommendation of the Grants Commission.

COMMONWEALTH PAYMENTS TO OR FOR THE STATES - Emill.

I		Financ	ial	Special Non-Re-		- Spec	Special		Specific		Total Pay	
		Assist	ance	payble	Grants	Assis	stance	Purpos	ses Ø	N.S.W.	Aust	NSW Share
		N.S.W.	Aust.	N.S.W.	Aust.	N.S.W.	Aust.	N.S.W.	Aust.			of Total
	1959-60	83.4	244.5		• • •	• • •	8.3	22.0	72.2	105.4	325.0	32.4%
1	1960-61	92.0	270.0		• • •		8.6	24.9	84.6	116.9	363.2	32.2%
1	1961-62 P	99.2	291.4	2.2	10.0		11.2	28.4	92.4	129.8	405.0	32.0%
L	1962-63 P	103.5	304.1	3.0	12.5		n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n	.a.	

Ø Includes Comm.Aid.Roads, in 1961/2 £13.8m. in NSW and £50m. in Aust.

On the per capita basis, Financial Assistance and Special Non-Repayable Grants combined rose from £27 in 1960-61 to £29 in 1961-62 and an estimated £30 in 1962-63 for Australia (£24, £26, £27 respectively in NSW). For 1962-63 the per capita payments are expected to range from £27 in New South Wales and Victoria to £32 in Queensland, £37 in South Australia, £42 in Tasmania and £43 in Western Australia. Special Assistance Grants to claimant States have not yet been determined for 1962-63.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND SPECIAL NON-REPAYABLE GRANTS - £mill.

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	South A.	West A.	Tasma ni a	Australia
1960-61	92.0	67.4	39.9	30.7	28.0	12.0	270.0
1961-62 P.	101.4	74.5	47.0	34.2	30.4	13.7	301.4
1962-63 P.	106.5	78.4	49.0	36.1	32.0	14.6	316.6

IOAN ALLOCATIONS TO THE STATES for Works & Housing had risen at the rate of £10m. a year, from £200m. in 1957-58 to £230m. in 1960-61; the original 1961-62 allocation of £240m. was increased in February 1962 to £247 $\frac{1}{2}$ m., and the 1962-63 allocation is brought up to £250m. The New South Wales portion has remained at about 32 percent. of the total, and is to rise from £79.3m. in 1961-62 to £80.1m. in 1962-63. Loan limits set to SEMI-GOVERNMENTAL & LOCAL AUTHORITIES (excluding those borrowing less than £100,000) in Australia were originally set at £96 $\frac{1}{2}$ m. for 1960-62 and raised to £104m. in February 1962; for 1962-63 they were increased to £105m., of which £31m., or $29\frac{1}{2}$ percent., is for New South Wales.

LOAN COUNCIL ALLOCATIONS TO STATES - £mill.

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	G		TT		Total	Total Works & Housing			Loan Limits to Semi-Govt		
	State	Works	Housing				N.S.W.Share	& Local Authorities		rities	
	N.S.W.	Aust.	N.S.W.	Aust.	N.S.W.	Aust.	of Total	N.S.W	Aust.	NSW Share	
1959-60	58.1	183.9	12.4	36.1	70.5	220.0	32.0%	31.6	104.3	30.3%	
1960-61	60.7	192.8	13.0	37.2	73.7	230.0	32.0%	31.9	106.6	29.9%	
1961-62 I	62.3	197.1	17.0	50.3	79.3	247.4	32.1%	30.3x	104.0x	29.1%x	
1962-63 I	65.1	204.1	15.0	45.9	80.1	250.0	32.0%	31.0x	105.lx	29.5%x	

LOAN ALLOCATIONS FOR WORKS & HOUSING - £mill.

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	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q1d.	South A.	West A.	Tasmania	Australia
1960-61	73.7	59.1	27.6	31.8	21.6	16.2	230.0
1961-62 F	79.3	63.6	29.7	34.1	23.3	17.4	247.4
1962-63 P	80.1	64.2	30.0	34.5	23.5	17.6	250.0

x Excludes authorities with programmes less than £100,000.

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THE SEASON - New South Wales (See also graph p. 80)

Rainfall in June did not exceed 1 in. in most parts of the State, as against a long term average of 2-3in. for the month but in the first two weeks of July the north coast, tablelands and slopes received substantial falls, causing floods in some of these parts. After the good rainfalls received in May the pastures and stock position remained satisfactory in June; weather conditions were also favourable for the sowing of the wheat, oat and barley crops but more rain is needed to ensure their growth.

RAILFALL INDEX - New South Wales "Normal Rainfall" for each period = 100

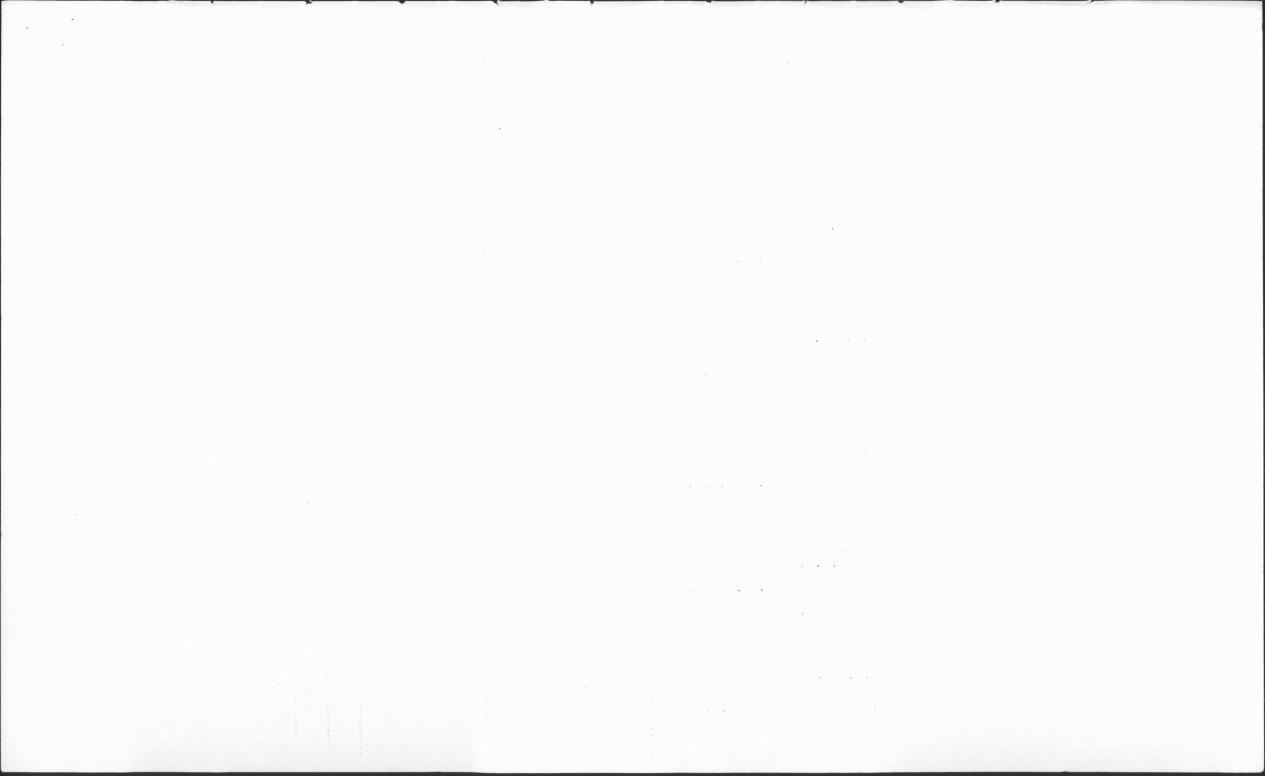
Month		She	ep Di	istr	icts	Wheat Districts				Coastal Dairying Districts			
MOHUL	N	C	S	W	Total	N	С	S	Total	N	С	S	Total
Year - 1961	106	111	120	101	112	104	117	114	114	108	106	180	116
1962 – January – February	227 106	194 89	273 67	307 24	241 8 0	235 132	208	315 55	277 74	221 74	2 31	168 154	217 83
- March	154	62	82	229	112	108	55		85	120	91	50	103
- April	123	36	81	36	75	104	42	68	66	241	223	62	213
- May	82	171	150	93	131	93	187	160	158	112	222	115	141
- June	10	21	39	21	24	9	25	42	33	19	10	3	15

N: Northern, C: Central, S: Southern, W: Western

DAIRYING - New South Wales

A greater than usual seasonal fall from March 1962 onward reduced dairy production in April and May to well below the level of recent years; but for the eleven months ended May production of 325½m. gall. in 1962 remained 9 percent. higher than in 1961 and also in excess of most earlier years.

WHOLEMILK - New South Wales - Million Gallons 1957-58 1958-59 1959-60 1960-61 1961-62 58.6 65.5 OUTPUT: Sept. Qtr. 71.7 64.2 68.4 115.0 80.1 95.4 Dec. Qtr. 94.8 113.4 March Qtr. 83.7 99.6 99.2 93.0 101.8 47.5 44.9 April-May 46.4 47.9 41.9 268.8 July-May 308.0 330.8 299.9 325.5 USE: July-May Butter (Factory) 135.6(62m.lb) 171.2(81m.lb) 189.9(90m.lb) 154.6(73m.lb) 179.8(85m.lb) 10.7 Cheese 38.4 10.2 8.7 12.0 Other Processed 13.8 14.2 14.9 15.2 15.2 78.7 Milk Board 75.8 70.9 72.9 82.0 Other Uses 40.1 39.5 41.5 40.7 36.5



WOOL (See also graph p. 80)

Deliveries of 1.53m. bales of (first-hand) wool into the Sydney, Newcastle and Goulburn stores during 1961-62 were about the same as in 1960-61 but 174,000 bales below the 1959-60 record, and less also than in 1958-59 or 1956-57. Deliveries into Goulburn increased in 1961/2 to 126,000 bales (8 percent. of total) while those into Sydney and Newcastle fell a little. Newcastle handled about 24 percent. of the total in 1960/1 and 1961/2 while Sydney's share which had been about 80 percent. in the early 1950's fell to 69 and 68 percent. respectively in the last two seasons. Some of the State's clip is marketed at Albury, interstate and . overseas; and deliveries into Sydney, Newcastle and Goulburn have been a declining proportion of the total clip in recent years (about 76% in 1953/5, 72% in 1957/9 and 68% in 1960/1 when the total clip was 664m.lbs.).

The 1960-61 season began with a carryover of 82,000 bales from 1959/60 and ended with a balance of 57,000 bales for carryover into 1961-62, but at the end of that season 66,000 bales remained unsold. The quantity disposed of during the 1961-62 season was 37,000 bales less than in 1960-61; this was largely compensated by an increase of 6 lbs., to 303 lbs., in the average weight per bale of greasy wool, so that in terms of weight the sales volume was about the same in both seasons (469m. lbs. in 1960-61 and 467m. lbs. in 1961-62). The average price realised increased by 5 percent., from 51.0d per lb. greasy to 54.6d. in the respective periods, and the value of wool sold rose from £102m. to £107m; however, in the nine preceding seasons (excepting 1958-59) the value had exceeded £107m.

RECEIPTS AND DISPOSAL OF WOOL - Sydney, Newcastle and Goulburn Stores

DELIVERED INTO STORE:	000 Bales	1956-57	1957-58	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62
First-Hand Wool-Sydney Newcastle Goulburn Total	11 11	1,277 337 	1,025 322 57 1,404	1,209 367 - 60 1,636	1,262 389 56 1,707	1,059 367 - 105 1,531	1,045 362 126 1,533
Other Wool Sold Balance in Store, End of Sea	ıı ıson ''	41 38	61 43	77 58	91 82	110 	80 -66
TOTAL SOLD IN SEASON	11	1,688	1,422	1,655	1,716	1,584	1,547
Av.Weight, Bale of greasy wo TOTAL WEIGHT OF WOOL SOLD	m.lbs.	294 	289 410	303 500	299 512	297 469	303 467
Av.Price, lb. of greasy wool TOTAL VALUE OF SALES	. d. £mill.	80.5	62.8	48.3	57.4 123.0	51.9 102:1	54.6 106.8

New South Wales wool prices (per lb.greasy - full clip basis) declined from 56d. in August 1961 to 52d. in December and January 1962 but recovered to 56d. by March and remained at that level for the remainder of the Season. The average for the season, 54.6d., was 5.2 percent. higher than in 1960-61 (51.9d) but remained well below the post-war average 70d for fifteen seasons ended 1961-62. During 1961-62 prices were firmer for fine types of wool, which finished up to 6 percent. higher than last season, while for coarser types falls of up to 10 percent. were recorded.

WOOL PRICE - New South Wales - Pence per 1b. greasy (Average Price that would be realised if whole clip were sold at price level of month shown)

	SEPT.	OCT.	DEC.	JAN.	FEB.	MARCH APRIL	MAY	JUNE	SEASON
1950-51 1956-57 1958-59 1959-60 1960-61 1961-62	118.0 75.0 47.0 57.0 48.5 55.0	118.0 73.0 44.5 57.0 48.0 53.0	129.0 78.0 43.5 58.0 49.5 52.0	166.0 79.0 42.5 58.0 50.0 52.0	177.5 81.0 45.0 55.0 52.0 55.0	190.5 145.0 79.0 81.0 46.0 55.0 55.0 57.0 53.0 57.0 56.0 56.0	129.0 83.0 55.0 55.0 57.0	95.0 79.0 53.0 55.0 56.0	145.3 80.5 48.3 57.4 51.9 54.6

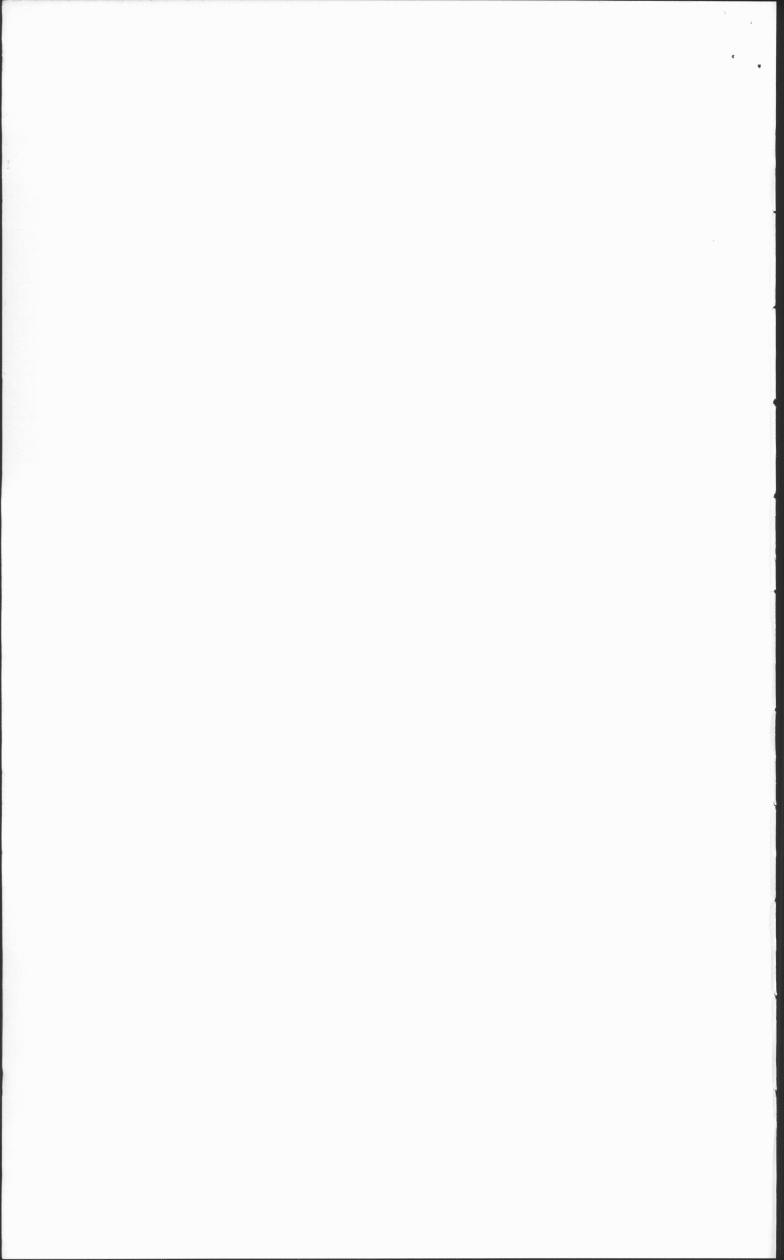
Wool deliveries into brokers' stores in 1961-62 were a record in Victoria and relatively high in the other States. The total number of bales delivered in Australia at 4.8 million, was 83,000 higher than in 1960-61 and has been exceeded only in two earlier seasons (4.93m. in 1959/60 and 4.87m. in 1956/7). The average weight per bale greasy at 308 lbs. in 1961-62 was greater than usual (at least for post-war seasons), and the weight of wool Fold at auction reached the record figure of 1498 m.lbs (incl. 9m.lbs.scoured), which was 52m.lbs. more than in 1960-61 and 9m. lbs. above the previous peak of 1959-60.

As compared with the previous year, the <u>average price</u> realised at auction for greasy wool increased by 2d per lb. or 4 percent. to 54d. in 1961-62; because of heavier weight price per bale rose by £3 or 5 percent. to £69, and total sales proceeds rose by £25m. to £339m.; proceeds however remained less than in some earlier seasons (e.g. £359m. in 1959-60).

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	1950-51	1956-57	1958-59	1959-60	1960–61	1961–62
RECEIVALS INTO STORE:						
New South Wales 000 Bales Queensland Victoria South Australia Western Australia Tasmania	1,256 546 964 386 316 52	1,685 796 1,340 569 390 87	1,636 725 1,294 542 440 98	1,70 7 783 1,403 530 404 99	1,531 769 1,357 509 462 87	1,533 762 1,418 554 439 92
·Australia	3,520	4,867	4,735	4,926	4,715	4,798
SOLD At Auction: 000 bales m. lbs. Average, Lb.per Bale greasy	3,547 1,054 300	4,887 1,452 298	4,790 1,458 305	4,929 1,489 303	4,755 1,446 305	4,876 1,498 308
PROCEEDS At Auction, £mill. Av.Price per Bale greasy Av.Price per lb. greasy	636 €180 144d.	483 € 99 80d.	296 £62 49d.	359 £73 58d.	314 £66 52d.	339 £69 54d•
WOOL PRODUCTION, Aust.M.Lbs. Gross Value 2mill.	1,092 652	1,564 509	1,591 31 1	1,680 3 90	1,6 25 34 1	1,700P 375P
WOOL EXPORTS, Greasy Equ.m.lb. Value, £mill.	1,194 633	1,478 483	1,485 302	1,634	1,586 334	(1650) 373

Preliminary estimates indicate that Australian wool production in 1961-62 at 1,700 m.lbs. was a record, being 75m.lbs. more than in 1960-61 and 20m.lbs. more than the previous record output of 1959-60. The number of sheep and lambs in Australia at March 1962 is estimated to have been a record of 158 mill.; this was 5 mill. more than in March 1961 and 3 mill. more than the previous record of March 1960. It is estimated that 168m. sheep and lambs were shorn in the 1961-62 season as against 164 mill. in 1960-61 and 169 mill. in 1959-60, and that the average weight of fleece (sheep and lambs, incl. crutchings) was 9.2 lb. in 1961-62, as compared with 9 lb. in the preceding seasons.







Series commence in December Quarter 1955 and extend to June Quarter 1962.

